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# NO CHANGE IN FISH TARIFF.

## Payne Bill Consequently Pleases Local Fish Dealers.

Copies of the Payne bill, so called, for a new and revised tariff, now before Congress from the committee on ways and means, were received in this city Saturday by several of our leading firm holders and vessel owners.

A perusal of it showed that no changes have been made in the existing fish schedules, all of which is naturally pleasing to this community. Some few months ago an attempt was made in some directions, outside of Gloucester, to have some changes made, particularly in regard to foreign mackerel and herring, but it came to naught.

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### Made Good Haul of Pollock.

The pollock seining season has opened. One vessel sailed last week and on Saturday afternoon the gasoline steamer Bryda F., Capt. Richard Marchant, went out. The latter craft was right in luck, for she returned this morning with a fine catch, the first of the season, 25,000 pounds of pollock, which she will dress and run to the Boston market. The fish were taken right off here.

Several of the Annisquam fleet of big gasoline craft are now fitting out for this pollock seining fishery.

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### No Changes in Fish Prices.

The fisheries committee of the Board of Trade met at the rooms this morning, but made no changes in the present prices of fish.

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### Today's Receipts.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, Georges, 6000 lbs. salt cod, 3500 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Mina Swim, Georges, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Preceptor, Sable Island Bank, 35,000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Senator, Sable Island Bank, 28,000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Emma F. Chase, Jonesport, Me., smoked herring and salted clam bait.  
Steamer Bryda F., shore, 25,000 lbs. fresh pollock.  
Sch. Belbina, P. Domingoes, shore.  
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.  
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Emerald, shore.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.  
Sch. Mina Swim, Georges, 12,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Washakie, haddock.  
Sch. Massasoit, haddock.  
Sch. Elizabeth M. Nunan, haddock.  
Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddock.  
Sch. Victor and Eithan, haddock.  
Sch. Minerva, haddock.  
Sch. Dorothy, haddock.  
Sch. Playilla, haddock.  
Sch. Matiana, haddock.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddock.  
Sch. Hortense, haddock.  
Sch. Stranger, haddock.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, haddock.  
Sch. Valentina, haddock.  
Sch. Seaconnet, haddock.  
Sch. Manomet, haddock.  
Sch. Galatea, haddock.  
Sch. Leo, haddock.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddock.  
Sch. Mary Edith, haddock.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddock.  
Sch. Emily Sears, haddock.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, haddock.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddock.  
Sch. Preceptor, Boston.  
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddock.  
Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddock.  
Sch. Yankee, haddock.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddock.  
Sch. Oriole, south seining.  
Sch. Avalon, south seining.  
Sch. Constellation, south seining.  
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, south seining.  
Sch. Bessie M. Dugan, haddock.  
Sch. Monitor, halibut.  
Sch. Kineo, halibut.  
Sch. James W. Parker, haddock.  
Sch. Onato, haddock.

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### Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.  
Bank halibut, 10 cents per pound for white and 7 cents for gray.  
Salt pollock, \$1.00; salt haddock, \$1.00; salt hake, \$1.00.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65; mediums, \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium, \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c; pollock, 60c.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00; snappers, \$1.00.  
Shore frozen herring for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.  
Round pollock, 50 cts. per cwt.  
Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

### PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

#### Arrived Today.

Br. sch. Romeo, St. John, N. B., for Salem.  
Sch. M. L. Wetherell, Boston for Ipswich.  
Sch. Charlie and Willie.  
Sch. Mary E. Olyss.

#### Boston.

Sch. Diana, 3200 cod.  
Sch. John M. Keen, 3500 haddock, 2200 cod, 1000 cusk.  
Sch. Romance, 40,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.  
Sch. Tecumseh, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. A. C. Newhall, 2000 cod.  
Sch. On Time, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Sarah, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Gracie, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Olivia Sears, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Nettie, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Marion, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Seaconnet, 13,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Jessie Costa, 20,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.  
Sch. Rena A. Percy, 7000 haddock, 100 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Harmony, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake, 5000 cusk.  
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 8000 haddock, 200 cod.  
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 11,000 haddock, 38,000 cod.  
Sch. Hope, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 cusk.  
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Athena, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Preceptor, 35,000 halibut.  
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 1000 haddock, 6000 cod.  
Sch. Reliance, 1300 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Stranger, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Annie and Jenine, 2000 haddock, 12,000 cod.  
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50; hake, \$1.50; cusk, \$1 to \$1.50.

### Cured Herring Shipment.

Sch. Emma F. Chase is at this port this morning from Jonesport, Me., with 9500 boxes of smoked scaled herring and 30 tons of cutting herring for George Perkins & Son and 210 barrels of salted clam bait for dory handliners, for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

### Georges Cod Sale.

The fare of Georges handline cod-fish of sch. Mina Swim sold to George Perkins & Son.

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### New Schooner Launched.

The handsome new sch. Mary De Costa was launched at high water yesterday from the yard of John Bishop, the builder, at Vincent street. The craft went off in fine shape her initial dip being witnessed by a large number of people, including many from Boston. The vessel will be commanded by Capt. Joseph Silveira and is owned by him and Boston parties. She will engage in market fishing.

The schooner will have her spars stepped today at Burnham's shears. The new craft recently bought by Capt. Frank Cahoon of Cape Cod of Arthur D. Story of Essex, is about completed and nearly ready for launching, but will not be put over until April 10 as Capt. Cahoon does not want the craft until the latter part of the month.

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## HIGHER STANDARD FOR FISH.

### Vessel Owners and Skippers Making Effort to Improve Quality.

### Urge Co-operation of Fishermen in Caring for Catches.

The Board of Trade, vessel owners and shippers of fish of this port are making a determined effort to maintain a high standard of quality in the fish brought here and bought and handled, and to that end have asked the skippers and crews of vessels to take the best possible care of their catches and to co-operate with them to the end that Gloucester's great product may continue to be known as "the best there is."

The idea is to have the fish dressed, iced, or salted in the most careful manner and marketed in good order, and this done, the desired end will be attained.

The following circular letter has been sent to the captains or managing owners of all the vessels engaged in summer trawling and drifting, and fairly sets forth just what is desired and what the leading concerns believe should be done.

Gloucester, Mass., March 19, 1909.

Dear Sir:—At a recent meeting of the buyers and shippers of fish, it was decided that if Gloucester is to hold her position as the largest fishing port, the quality of our goods must not only be maintained, but improved, and with this end in view, it was suggested that we ask the co-operation of captains and crews of the fishing fleet.

You are well aware that during the summer months fish require extra attention and unless they get proper care on the vessels they will not comply with the regulations. We beg therefore to call your attention to the following suggestions for the proper care of fish, viz:—

All fish that are salted on the vessels should be dressed while new or before they become suncooked, which in summer is sometimes the case, and plenty of clean water used to remove all blood stains, and then plenty of salt to insure that whiteness that is so necessary, and to prevent all taint, which so often occurs from light salted fish. On fresh fish, only the second baiting on long trips should be iced and even then the utmost care must be used to have the fish gilled and properly cleaned before icing, as no others will find a market in Gloucester in future.

The shippers who know what the trade require are agreed, that large shack trips landed during the summer months are getting to be a great injury to the business, and unless these fish are landed in first class condition they will be rejected by the buyer, and in no case will fresh fish be bought where a vessel has made two baitings, unless all fish caught on the first baiting are salted.

The requirements of the Pure Food law are such that poor or inferior fish cannot be marketed at any price, and the coming year will see this law more strictly enforced than ever before.

It becomes necessary then for our own protection as well as for the best interests of the business to strictly enforce the above rules, and trust you will take due care and govern yourself accordingly.

Cunningham & Thompson,  
Davis Bros.,  
Gloucester Salt Fish Co.,  
Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.,  
Wm. H. Jordan & Co.,  
J. G. Daggett Dept.,  
Lane & Smith,  
Wm. F. Moore & Co.,  
P. J. O'Brien & Co.,  
George Perkins & Son,  
Sylvanus Smith & Co., Inc.

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### Western Halibut.

Quite a bunch of western halibut is due to arrive at Boston and New York this week, the amount being set at about 200,000 pounds. One steamer was in out there last week with a big trip, 150,000 pounds.

There is still quite a lot of Pacific halibut in the freezers at Boston and New York, but evidently it has not interfered with the eastern fish much this season, as can be seen by the fine prices the American and New England companies have been paying for the trips landed at this port and at Boston.



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## FRENCH BEAM TRAWLERS.

Report of Large Increase of Fleet  
Confirmed by Later.

Confirmation of the Times recent report of the very large fleet of French steam trawlers on Quero bank this coming season is contained in a letter received here this morning by one of our large fishing concerns.

The letter is from one of the big French concerns operating these kind of craft, and states that last year they had but one steam trawler over here, but her success was so great that they are sending three this season, one of them a brand new craft built expressly for work over here.

### Poor Winter Fishing at Alaska.

The results of the winter fishing at the Alaska codfish stations are much smaller than usual, owing to the very severe weather, which prevented active operations most of the time. The arrivals at San Francisco so far this season are only 169,000 codfish, brought by the two vessels which have arrived from the stations of the Union Fish Company and the Alaska Codfish Company. Sch. John D. Spreckels of the latter company arrived nearly a week ahead of sch. Czarina of the Union Fish Company, but the latter schooner brought the larger cargo, numbering 125,000 codfish, arriving February 26. Sch. Czarina was aground for over a week at Sanak Island in November, but suffered no damage. While the stock of fish on hand has not been increased to the extent expected, the market shows no improvement. Buyers continue to show very little interest, and prices are inclined to weakness.

Alfred Greenebaum of the Alaska Codfish Company of San Francisco, says: "The schooner John D. Spreckels returned to this port on February 22, having called at all our codfishing stations in Alaska. All fishing reports are exceptionally bad, owing to the continuous unfavorable weather conditions, blowing and freezing constantly during December and January, and the part of February when this vessel sailed from Unga. She brought a cargo of 44,000 codfish. The carry-over from last summer's production, however, is sufficient for trade requirements, as the demand has been dull, and, notwithstanding the Lenten season, our output is far below the average in comparison with previous years. In consequence, the price of codfish is unprofitable to the producer."

### Cause for Decrease in Herring.

The Japanese fishermen of Nanaimo, B. C., report they are having a good season. Not only is the fishing very good, but the market this year is better than it was last. There is, however, a great scarcity of herring at present in the immediate harbor, as compared with previous years. The herring are to be found outside in plenty, but, of course, the fishing there is more difficult, owing to the depth of water.

The theory advanced by the Japanese fishermen for the lessening run of herring in the bay itself is at once feasible and very interesting. The Japanese reason that the herring were forced to run into the harbor by the whales that prey upon them. The opening of the whaling industry at Departure Bay has naturally very greatly depleted the number of whales in this section of the Gulf of Georgia, and the small fish are not under the same stress to make the shelter of the harbor. Thus the fishermen are forced to go further out for the fish. The satisfactory thing is that the fishing is still good and as a local industry is still growing in importance.

### Collecting Cod Eggs.

The United States fish commission steamer Gannett sailed from Portland Sunday for Boothbay Harbor but on the way she will stop at the fishing grounds and will pick up all the cod eggs possible. Friday a stop was made at the grounds and the vessels visited, 5,000,000 were secured. These were placed in the compartments in the steamer and taken to Boothbay and placed in the hatchery. It is believed that several million or more cod eggs will be secured at the grounds on this trip. The government officials are greatly pleased with the work which has been done and the large supply of cod eggs secured has been a source of gratification.

### Smoked Herring.

Sch. Emma F. Chase is bound to this port from Jonesport, Me., with cured fish and smoked scaled herring, boxed.

# March 23 PRICES SHOW GOOD ADVANCE.

## Fish Receipts Light Both Here and at Boston.

Sixteen fish fares are not many for Boston on a Tuesday morning especially when the majority of them are small and only one off shore in the lot, so naturally prices show a good advance over yesterday's offers.

Sch. Terra Nova, Capt. John Hickey, came in yesterday afternoon and not liking the price, hung over until this morning and made money by so doing.

Of the market boats sch. Mildred V. Nunan with 21,000 pounds and sch. Aspinet with 18,000 pounds are the leaders. Sch. Clara G. Silva had 10,000 pounds yesterday afternoon and the most of them this morning have from 4000 to 7000 pounds.

The steamer Bryda F. went to Boston from here with her 25,000 pounds of pollock and sch. Olive F. Hutchins is there with 20,000 pounds of the same kind of fish. Both got good prices.

It seems to be getting quite the fashion now to market halibut fares at Boston. Yesterday sch. Waldo A. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream, of this port, came in there with 28,000 pounds and this morning sch. Dictator, Capt. Fred Thompson, of this port, is there with another fine fare of 34,000 pounds.

Capt. Stream has been doing well this year and Capt. Thompson is tearing up things in great shape, this being his third trip since the new year and each being a big one. He is certainly striking a fast gait.

Haddock sold at \$2.25 for off shores and \$3.75 for shores, large cod at \$3 for off shores and \$5 for shores, shore market at \$3.50, hake \$1 to \$3.50, cusk \$1 and pollock from \$2.40 to \$3.

Receipts are light here today. Sch. William H. Rider strikes a double "skiddoo" combination, being in on the 23d of the month with 23,000 pounds of salt cod, and 3000 pounds of halibut on the side.

Sch. Romance is here from Boston with 25,000 pounds of codfish to split. She had a big trip and will get a good stock despite the low prices.

Sch. Preceptor is also here from Boston, after taking out her halibut, with 1500 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. John J. Carroll, is here from Quero Bank, by the way of Portland with 25,000 pounds of halibut and 2000 pounds of salt cod. Capt. Carroll intended marketing at Portland, but evidently the trip was too large for the dealers there, as he could not get an offer, so he squared away for the place where anything in the fish line is quickly bought.

### Fishing Facts and Fancies.

The Oregon Deep Sea Fishing Company, an outgrowth of the plans of Richard Obee, to put several trawlers in the deep sea fishing business, launched its first gas schooner at Portland, Oregon, recently, and the boat is now engaged in fishing off the coast of Oregon. The plans of the company are to start operations in a small way and to expand as the market for their fish increases.

The death is announced from Eastbourne, England, of George Merrick Hide, who was described as a champion of fishermen's rights and the owner of a fleet of boats that annually visited the North Sea grounds. He was for many years a member of the Sussex sea fisheries committee.

Eighteen fishermen students have gone from the Grimsby (Eng.) Technical School for their board of trade certificates this year, all passing the examination. Of these two gained the extra master's certificate, three their skipper's ticket, and 13 their second hand's ticket. The valuable instruction of fishermen at Grimsby is producing excellent results.

A St. John's, N. F., dispatch says: A tragedy occurred recently near Rose Blanche, in which two lives were lost. The unfortunate men are named Holmes, aged 21 years, of Belleoram, and Caines, not yet 20, of Doctor's Harbor. They were fishing from the schooner Coyuga, off Rose Blanche, and the fish being plentiful, it is believed they put too much in the boat, and when the storm came the dory was swamped.

The North Sydney Fish Co. is having a steamer built to ply in connection with the business between that port and Cape North, taking in the larger places along the shore of Victoria County. This boat, designed especially as a fresh fish tender, is to be fitted with refrigeration, the first time this principle has been applied to the Nova Scotian coastal steamers.

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### Former Gloucester Vessel Sold.

After lying idle for two years, the two-masted sch. Carrier Dove, formerly a fishing vessel from this port, has been sold by the Seattle-Alaska Fish Company to the Queen City Fish Company of Seattle. The vessel is on the marine railway at King & Winge's West Seattle yards, where she is being made ready for halibut cruising. The price paid for the Carrier Dove was not made public, but it is said to be between \$4000 and \$5000. Her new owners are preparing to spend considerable money in preparing the Carrier Dove for the halibut trade. Carpenters are altering the hull for the installation of two 75-horsepower gasoline engines, and in five or six weeks the two-master will be ready to proceed to Cape Flattery banks, where she will cruise for halibut.

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### Fishermen for St. Pierre.

Private information received at North Sydney, C. B., Thursday, from St. Pierre, Miq., states that the transatlantic steamer California had left St. Malo, France on March 10 calling at Bordeaux, and is due to arrive at St. Pierre, Miq., states that the trans-ermen to engage in the island fishery. Among that number is a crowd of boys who will engage in shore fishing, and in the curing and drying of cod. A revival in the codfishing industry seems to have taken place, and the indications point to a vigorous prosecution of the industry in the French Colony.

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### Today's Receipts.

Sch. Romance, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Massachusetts, Quero Bank, via Portland, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 2000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Wm. H. Rider, Georges, 23,000 lbs. salt cod, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Preceptor, via Boston, 1500 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Massasoit, shore.

Sch. Gracie, shore.

Sch. Dorothy, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Little Fanny, shore.

Sch. Reliance, shore.

Sch. Marion Turner, Portland.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, shore.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Mary Edith, shore.

Sch. Leo, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Matiana, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Rex, haddocking.

Sch. Mooanam, haddocking.

Sch. Yakima, haddocking.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, haddocking.

Sch. Motor, haddocking.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Matiana, haddocking.

Sch. Washakie, haddocking.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, haddocking.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.

Sch. Galatea, haddocking.

Sch. Valentinna, haddocking.

Sch. Mooween, halibuting.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, salt banking.

### Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Bank halibut, 10 cents per pound for white and 7 cents for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1.00; salt haddock, \$1.00; salt hake, \$1.00.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65; mediums, \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium, \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c; pollock, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00 snappers, \$1.00.

Shore frozen herring for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Round pollock, 50 cts. per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Steamer Pet of this port is now engaged in pollock seining in Rockland Bay or the Maine coast.

Sch. Marion E. Turner of Portland is at this port to fit for pollock seining.

Capt. John Carroll of sch. Massachusetts reports speaking sch. Atalanta on Quero bank recently. He also spoke sch. Cavalier, and Capt. Porper went to the eastward.

The wind must be heavy outside this morning, as all the shore boats are coming in for harbor, having had no chance to set.

Capt. Norman A. Ross will begin Thursday to fit sch. Veda M. McKown for south seining.

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#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Bryda F., 25,000 pollock.  
Sch. Nokomis, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Aspinet, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 hake.  
Sch. Dictator, 3000 cod, 3000 cusk, 34,000 halibut.  
Sch. Flavilla, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 cusk.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 20,000 pollock.  
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 18,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Yankee, 6500 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 3000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Waldo L. Stream, 4000 cod, 3000 cusk, 28,000 halibut.  
Sch. Terra Nova, 50,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Haddock, \$2.25 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$5; shore market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$1 to \$3.50; cusk, \$1; pollock, \$2.40 to \$3.

#### Portland Arrivals.

The following fishing vessels with fresh fares, were at Portland Sunday:

Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 5000 pounds.  
Sch. Fanny Hayden, 5000 pounds.  
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 5000 pounds.  
Sch. Elthier, 7000 pounds pollock.  
The vessels report pollock schooling in abundance on the fishing grounds.

#### Harbor Notes.

The United States revenue cutter Woodbury is in port.  
Sch. Alice R. Lawson is on the Rocky Neck railways.  
Schs. Effie M. Prior, and Electra are on Burnham's railways.  
Sch. Hattie M. Graham is having a new mainmast stepped at the Rocky Neck railway shears.

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## THE SOUTHERN MACKEREL FLEET.

### Vessels Meeting Bad Weather and No Mackerel Yet Seen.

A special to the Times yesterday afternoon from its correspondent at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, states that no mackerel have yet been seen, that the seining fleet have been up against hard weather and some have made that port for harbor.

At the time the dispatch was sent there was a heavy northeaster blowing, and schs. Grayling, Arcadia and George Parker had made in for harbor. They reported all well on board. They had seen no fish, and had bad weather.

Capt. Charles H. Harty of this city, who will represent George T. Moon & Co. at Fortress Monroe, looking after that concern's mackerel interests while the fleet are landing there, arrived yesterday.

Samuel H. Smith of New York, who attended the Master Mariners' banquet and is the eastern representative of Eldred & Haley of Fulton Market, is also at Fortress Monroe, to take care of the firm's mackerel interests, should any of the fleet land fares there.

Several of the seining fleet will get away today, among them sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall, and sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis.

The following vessels have sailed south since the season opened: Schs. Electric Flash, Monarch, Arthur James, Patrician, George Parker, Arcadia, Indiana, Dauntless, Esperanto, Mary E. Harty, Grayling, Avalon, Constellation, Oriole.

Many of the fleet are now fitting, and the next few days should see quite a number get away.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., is on Parkhurst's railways slicking up preparatory to fitting for south mackerel seining.

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## Make Many Recommendations.

### Fish and Game Commissioners Ask for Important Legislation.

The commissioners on fisheries and game in a communication to Governor Draper recently set forth the necessity for the passage of certain laws relating to the protection of certain birds, fish and lobsters.

Yesterday the communication was transmitted by His Excellency to the House of Representatives and was later referred to the committee on fisheries and game for its consideration together with public hearings.

The recommendations of the commission are as follows:—

1. That investigation be made of the infectious diseases of native birds and of foreign birds introduced into the state, with a report including expert opinions upon the probability of such diseases spreading among our native birds, and so far as possible, suggest remedies and methods for preventing such infection, and that for these purposes money be appropriated from money received by the Commonwealth for hunting licenses.

2. That a biological investigation and report be made upon the adaptability of the public waters of the state for rearing food fishes, to devise methods, and to determine as nearly as possible the quantity of fish which various waters are capable of producing annually, to ascertain the best methods of stocking such waters, and that an appropriation not exceeding \$2000 a year for three years be appropriated for this purpose.

3. The paid deputies of this commission should be given power to arrest hunters when in the act of damaging property, or of trespassing, or upon complaint of a land owner.

4. That the laws relative to shooting from boats propelled by mechanical means other than oars, should be so defined as to make plain their meaning relative to power boats when not under power.

5. For the protection of birds in their northern migration, and to secure an increase in the birds of various species which formerly nested in large numbers in this state, no shooting should be permitted after January first.

6. The killdeer and the piping plovers should be protected at all times on account of the imminence of extinction.

7. Suitable provision should be made to grant non-residents the right to hunt foxes in this state without the necessity of a 10-dollar license.

8. That the commission should have authority to purchase lease, or receive as gift, land to be used as bird reservations, i. e. specially protected breeding places for birds. Property thus acquired should become the property of the Commonwealth, to be administered by the commissioners on fish and game for the purpose of securing the utmost possible population of useful birds. Whenever necessary to confirm titles, power of eminent domain should be given similar to that in chapter 504, Acts of 1907, and that of the money received by the Commonwealth for hunters' licenses a sum not exceeding \$5000 annually may be expended for the purpose of acquiring land.

9. That to secure more satisfactory enforcement of the laws the legal measurement of lobsters should be made upon the shell (carapace) exclusive of the tail, and that this legal measure of length should be 4 3/4 inches, in conformity with the law of Maine.

10. That all lobster fishermen, dealers, smack captains and all persons catching or transporting lobsters within this Commonwealth should be licensed, and that persons convicted of violation of the state law should be prohibited from fishing for one year from date of conviction.

11. We renew our recommendations of last year for more adequate and economical facilities for propagating and distributing food fish and useful birds, and.

12. Also such amendment of the laws to insure the development of the mollusk fisheries below high water mark in such a manner as to permit increase in the economic yield of food material; to furnish wider opportunities for remunerative employment of skilled and unskilled labor; to increase the taxable property of the shore towns and cities; and to bring revenue to the Commonwealth.

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13. The following resolutions were passed at a conference of the state commissioners on fisheries of New England held in Boston December 8, 1908, and we urgently recommend these to your attention.

Resolved: (1) that it is the opinion of this conference that the land below high water should be made more available for cultivation of mollusks.

(2) that such areas should be leased for the purpose of securing individual opportunities for cultivation.

(3) Such leases should be controlled by the state in order to secure the maximum amount of protection to the lease holders, permanency of policy, freedom from petty politics, and greater responsibility in administration.

Resolution of the committee:

Whereas, in all New England states there exists conditions whereby the public waters are becoming annually more polluted by the introduction of sewage, manufactory wastes, etc., resulting in a distinct menace to the public health and seriously impairing the productive capacity of the water and of the land under the water and

Whereas, with increasing population, these waters and sub-marine areas are becoming more necessary for the production of human food, both of fish and shellfish, both for local consumption and for sale in distant markets, and

Whereas, a private individual or corporation is not permitted by law to run sewage, manufactory waste, etc. upon the land of his neighbor, similarly, it should not be permitted to run these materials into public waters, or upon public lands; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the carefully considered opinion of this conference of delegates meeting in Boston in this, the first annual conference called by the governors of the New England states, that unnecessary pollution of the public streams and coastal waters, should be immediately and decisively checked by suitable action of the respective legislatures.

14. That the laws be amended so as to permit the purchase, sale and possession at any time of rabbits or hares which have been taken or killed contrary to the laws of this Commonwealth or of any other state or country.

15. Inasmuch as those mechanical devices known as "Silencers," which have been adapted for firearms, can be used to make the enforcement of the game laws still more difficult than at present, we suggest that the question of the prohibition of the use, sale or possession of such devices may be properly considered, and the necessary action taken.

16. Amendment of chapter 401, Acts 1885, for the purpose of securing free passage of migratory fish, both up and down Taunton, Great River and New Market.

17. Artificially reared trout should be sold at any season of the year, provided the proper safeguards exist for distinguishing wild from artificially reared trout.

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#### RE STOCKING MAINE WATERS.

##### National Government Insuring Against Cod and Lobster Extinction.

To insure against the extinction of the cod and the lobster in the waters of Maine the national government is making unusual efforts this year in restocking the water with eggs.

Millions of the tiny eggs are being collected daily by the fish commission steamer Gannett and deposited in the hatchery at Boothbay Harbor. When the fish are sufficiently developed they are liberated off the coast at different places and allowed to grow. During the past week more than 1,000,000 cod eggs were secured. It is predicted that the waters off that coast will soon be as well supplied with cod as they were many years ago, when cod-fishing was the most remunerative industry of the state.

Since the government began to take an active part in the propagation of the cod, the fishermen have been making better fares, and the fish are now more plentiful than they have been for a great many years. Much credit for the present satisfactory condition is due the fishermen, who are co-operating with the government in its work, realizing that it is of great benefit to them.

Plenty of seed lobsters are being secured and these are treated in the same way as the cod eggs. They are kept in the hatchery until of certain size, and are then liberated. The government has spent thousands of dollars to propagate the crustacean in Maine waters. It is believed there will be good lobster fishing for years to come.